

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO AMEND
THE ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION for the
BOTTLE ROCK GEOTHERMAL POWER PROJECT (79-AFC-4C)
EXTENSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM
FOR SUSPENDED OPERATIONS**

On January 18, 2005, the California Energy Commission received a petition from the Bottle Rock Power Corporation to amend the Decision for the Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Project. The Commission certified the 55 MW Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Plant in 1980, and operations to produce electricity for the State Water Project commenced in 1985. In 1990, DWR determined to close the facility due to a lack of steam. In 1993, the Commission approved an amendment to the Decision that reduced the monitoring and reporting requirements in consideration of the plant's shutdown status.

In 2001, the Commission approved the transfer of the power plant from DWR to the Bottle Rock Power Corporation, the latter assuming the responsibilities and obligations imposed by the conditions of certification of the power plant, including those that apply to the current suspension of power plant operations. The associated steamfield remains under the jurisdiction of Lake County pursuant to Lake County Amended Use Permit 85-27.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

The Bottle Rock Power Corporation (BRPC), the owner of the Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Plant, has submitted a petition to extend the current environmental monitoring program for suspended operations of the power plant for 18 months from the date of approval of the subject petition. This time extension will allow BRPC to remedy the impediments that have hindered BRPC's ability to file a petition with the Commission to restart the power plant.

ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality, and public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision and if the project, as changed, will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (Title 20, Calif. Code of Regulations, section 1769). Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the request and will publish an analysis in the next several weeks. A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the amendment proposal will subsequently be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting.

This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to interested parties and property owners adjacent to the project site who may want to participate in the amendment process.

The petition is available on the Energy Commission's webpage at www.energy.ca.gov. The staff analysis (when published), and the Energy Commission Order (if approved), will

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also be posted on the webpage. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the petition, staff's analysis, and/or the Energy Commission Order if the changes are approved, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Nancy Tronaas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-3864, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: ntronaas@energy.state.ca.us within 14 days of the date of this notice.

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact Margret J. Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us. If you require special accommodations, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

Date: _____

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Enclosure: Information Request Form

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COMPLIANCE UNIT
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STREET ADDRESS OR P.O. BOX

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION TO EXTEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM FOR
SUSPENDED OPERATIONS**

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DOCUMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:

- PETITION TO AMEND
- STAFF ANALYSIS
- ENERGY COMMISSION ORDER

PROJECT: BOTTLE ROCK GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANT

DOCKET NO: 79-AFC-4C

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